

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 — SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 6:15 am
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:00 pm Wednesday-Friday: 7:45 am

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St. Matthew Apostle Mission Statement

St. Matthew Apostle Parish is a Catholic community committed to Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, blessed by Life, and guided by the Gospel. ~ Answering the call to follow Christ as disciples challenges us to support one another on our journey of faith and to witness that faith to others. ~ Dedicated to the mission of Christ, we strive to be a worshipping community reaching out, welcoming, and embracing all people.

Welcome to St. Matthew

We welcome all who want to deepen their relationship with God to join us. To become a registered member of our community, please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	November 26 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	November 27 6:15 a.m. ✕Elly Smith
Wednesday	November 28 8:30 a.m. ✕Santos and Catherine Cisneros
Thursday	November 29 8:30 a.m. ✕Urban Daniel
Friday	November 30—St. Andrew (F) 8:30 a.m. ✕Winnie Sage
Saturday	December 1 Vigil—1st Sunday of Advent 3:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	December 2—1st Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. ✕Nancy Spaw 11:00 a.m. ✕Gerry Auckly

**Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace O Lord!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	November 26
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
7:00 pm	Neocatechumenal Way Talk
Tuesday	November 27
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
3:00 pm	Blood Drive
Wednesday	November 28
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Coop
2:00 pm	Benediction
6:00 pm	Finance Council
6:45 pm	Little Saints
7:00 pm	Neocatechumenal Way Talk
Thursday	November 29
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
Sunday	December 2
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

ALL WEEKEND: CAC FOOD DRIVE

HAVE A HOSPITAL VISIT SCHEDULED?

Please do not hesitate to call when you are scheduled to enter or are already in the hospital. Hospitals have privacy rules they must follow, so unless you contact us we do not know where you are a patient. If you are unable to contact us yourself, please ask a family member or friend to do so. If it is a priest emergency and you are calling after regular business hours please call 816-763-0208 and press 1. Otherwise please call the Office and speak to Fr. Rocha or Jess.

SILVER THREADS

All parishioners age 55 and up are invited to join our group and share in our activities. If you haven't joined us lately, or not at all, check out the activities below and make plans to join us. You'll be glad you did!

December 12—Christmas Luncheon! Join us on Wednesday, December 12 for our Christmas Potluck! We are excited to say that we will be joined by the Children's School Choir from Presentation! We will serve ham at the potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share!

For information about our group or attending our away activities, check the Gathering Space for sign-up sheets or call Thelma Smith at 816-388-3257.

HELP GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree for those families in our community who need help this Christmas is in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to bring new, unwrapped gifts any time now through the weekend of December 8-9 and place them in the large gift-wrapped box. Lists of suggested items are available.

We will deliver your gifts to the CAC in time for their Holiday Store opening in early December. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please help us decorate St. Matthew Apostle with beautiful poinsettias! You can honor and remember a loved one with a memorial donation at Christmas to purchase poinsettias which adorn our church on Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season. Memorials will be listed in an insert in the Christmas bulletin.

You will be able to pick up your poinsettia(s) after Mass on the weekend of January 5 & 6, or you can donate your poinsettia for delivery to a homebound parishioner with a note wishing them a Happy New Year.

When ordering a poinsettia, please use the red order form. Please put in an envelope marked "Christmas Poinsettia" with your payment and place it either in the collection basket or turn it into the office. **Deadline: Monday, December 10th**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the First Sunday of Advent are:
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

CHRIST THE KING

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The entire liturgical year is meant to help us walk with Our Lord in the various events of His life. The liturgical year starts in Advent, which is quickly approaching next weekend, and ends with today's Solemnity.

The liturgical calendar ends with the celebration of Christ the King for a purpose: this Feast stands at the end of the year to remind us that at the end of time, Christ "will come in glory to judge the living and the dead." When Christ comes in His glory, He will establish His kingdom on earth and of His Kingdom there will be no end. Although the reign of Christ on earth will not be perfectly realized until the end of time, we are called to allow Him to reign in our hearts.

Jesus is our King, by His divinity, and is further our King through His passion by which He redeemed us. We should readily offer our minds, hearts, and our will to such a loving King. He is all powerful, all knowing; He loves us and He desires our eternal happiness. Let us entrust ourselves completely, all that we are and all that have, into the most loving and merciful Hands of Christ, Our King!

Have a Blessed week as you prepare for this Advent Season!

Fr. Rocha

GET YOUR TRASH BAGS!

St. Regis School is selling trash and lawn bags. It is an all-school fundraiser. Bags are available for purchase in the school office. Please consider getting your bags from them! You can pick them up between 8am and 3pm on school days!

Bag prices and sizes:

Lawn & leaf bags are \$10.00 for 15 bags (3 packs of 5 bags)

Trash bags are \$12.00 per roll

- White bags...15 gallon...65 bags per roll
- Yellow bags...39 gallon bag...25 bags per roll
- Blue bags...55 gallon...16 bags per roll

If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at (816) 763-5837. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE

If you would like to have an "Angel" ornament dedicated to someone you loved that has passed away, please complete one of the forms found in the Gathering Space and return it in an envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Donations are appreciated. Your completed form must be turned in NO LATER than Sunday, December 9.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian." — St. Ignatius of Antioch

Who: High School students or older that have not received the sacrament

When: Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00pm

December 5

January 9

February 13

Retreat TBD

Practice is usually the week of the actual Confirmation

Confirmation Date: February 20, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory

Where: St. Matthew the Apostle Church
Meet the first night in the Gathering Space

How: Please contact Mary Seura with your contact information before the first class, if possible: email – mseura2@att.net, cell – 816-517-5431 (please text)

A copy of your baptismal certificate will be needed before receiving the sacrament.

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

There are sign up sheets on the Ministry Board for anyone interested in signing up for a ministry for Christmas Masses.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Winter Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 27, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please call Shirley Dobbins at 816-761-3278 for your appointment. If you receive a voice message, PLEASE call back with your "Yes" or "No."

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who have pledged or given to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit by the programs and services that the Appeal supports. Educating children in Catholic Schools, training future priests in seminaries, reaching out to poor to provide housing and food for their families, and helping ensure healthy marriages are all direct benefits of your gift. Please take time to consider how your support of these programs can transform lives and build our church.

FINANCIAL FIGURES

The financial figures for the weekend of November 17 & 18 were not available at printing time. They will be posted in next week's bulletin.

REPORT CHILD ABUSE OF ANY KIND

The Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Kathleen Chastain, Victim Advocate at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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